

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Senior Center to hold Spring Fling

Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S, will hold a Spring Fling Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Janie Martin, a local Big Bands performer, will perform.

Tickets cost \$5 each. Food will be available.

For more information: Sue Teal, 503-838-5678.

PC Museum holds Spring Tea

It's time to set aside the cares of the world for a new tradition: Tea at the Polk County Museum. The annual, formal tea will be held on Saturday, at 1:30 p.m.

Tea, savory tea sandwiches, scones and sweets will be served. No program will be presented, but displays on the history of tea and table manners will be featured at the entrance.

The beauty of a formal tea offers manners (i.e. predictable and acceptable behavior to friends and newcomers), beautiful tablespices, tasty finger-food and fragrant tea.

For more information: 503-623-6251.

Discover MI Town set for Saturday

Discover MI Town will give people a chance to eat, drink and shop in downtown Independence and Monmouth on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Check-in will be at the Monmouth-Independence Family YMCA, 301 S. Main Street, Independence.

Shuttle service will be available with drop off/pick up locations at Riverview and Main Street parks.

Tickets for the event cost \$10 if ordered by Friday and \$15 the day of the event.

Tickets are available online at www.micc-or.org or at participating businesses.

Flaming offers diabetes program

A free six-week workshop focused on practical skills for living with diabetes will be offered Thursday through June 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Classes will be held each Thursday at the Flaming Medical Center, 1000 SE Uglow St., Dallas.

The Living Well Program will teach participants skills including working with health care teams, managing symptoms and medications, learning how to be active and eat well and more.

Class materials include a course book and CD, and are provided free of charge.

To register or for more information: WVP Healthy Au-

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SUSAN BARKER/for the Itemizer-Observer

A truck driver cut the corner a little too closely on Thursday morning while turning into a field off Highway 99W, dumping lime onto the bicycle and pedestrian path and blocking it for most of the day. The truck and lime were cleaned up before sunset.

thority, 503-587-5129. On-site registration is also available.

M-I Clean Up Day on Saturday

Monmouth-Independence will hold a clean-up day Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The refuse collection site will be located at Riverview Park in downtown Independence. Cost is \$10 per load for dropping debris for Monmouth and Independence residents and \$12 for Polk County residents.

Items accepted include trash, wood, metals, yard debris, tires, empty propane tanks, appliances and car batteries.

Items not accepted include paint, computers, microwaves, chemicals, household garbage, fuel and televisions.

Independence residents unable to deliver their debris due to physical limitations may contact the Independence Police Department at 503-838-1214 by Friday. Monmouth residents may contact Monmouth Public Works at 503-838-2173 by Friday.

For more information, or to volunteer for the event: 503-838-1214.

WOU author to share from book

Western Oregon professor, fisherman and author Henry Hughes will share excerpts from his latest books, "Bunch of Animals" and "Back Seat with Fish: A

Man's Adventures in Angling and Romance," Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the River Gallery, 184 S. Main St., Independence.

Hughes will also talk about art, life, fishing and humor. Refreshments will be available.

For more information: 503-838-6171.

Dallas Garden Club to hold meeting

Dallas Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Builders Room at the Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St., (enter through the breezeway on the Miller Street side).

Darlene Gowen, an Oregon State University Master Gardner from Independence, will speak on preparing, planting and raising a successful vegetable garden.

Club membership is open to men and women. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information: Mike Stewart, 503-510-3293.

Author to visit Kunke Art Studio

Jeri Houle, the author of "Jeri Houle: My Story of Courage and Hope Fighting Blood Cancer," will hold a book signing at Tom Kunke Art Studio, 357 Main St., in Dallas.

The book follows Houle's life from diagnosis to remission.

Houle is a graduate of Dallas High School. The signing will be from 4:30 to

7 p.m. on Thursday.

For more information: 971-409-7686.

Grace Baptist to hold chili cook-off

Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, will host a chili cook-off, mystery play and dessert auction Friday at 6 p.m.

Chefs will compete for Best Chili, Hottest Chili and the people's choice award.

Dinner will include the chili of your choice, cornbread and salad.

While dining, folks can enjoy a play called, "The Door."

After dinner, guests can bid on desserts. All proceeds will support church efforts.

A suggested \$5 donation is requested.

For more information: Pastor Russ Hilsinger, 503-623-4858.

Dallas Library hosts coloring night

Thursday Dallas Public Library is holding adult coloring night from 5 to 7 p.m. with designs created by circulation aide David Wales.

The library will provide coloring sheets and materials and refreshments to complement the relaxing activity and conversation.

Participants will be surveyed to see if the monthly event should continue through the summer or take a break in July and August and resume in the fall.

For more information: 503-623-2633.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Calendar is a listing of upcoming events taking place in Polk County that are open to the public. To submit an event for calendar consideration, please send it at least two weeks before the actual event date to the Itemizer-Observer via fax (503-623-2395) or email (ionews@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

• **Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank** — 10 a.m. to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.

• **Gentle Tai Chi Stand or Sit** — 11 a.m. to noon, Dallas Aquatic Center, 1005 SE Lacreole Drive, Dallas. Free. Slow body movements for improved balance, agility, flexibility and meditation. 503-623-9715.

• **Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program Food Bank** — 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., 888 Monmouth Cutoff Road, Building E, Dallas. Weekly distribution for eligible community members. 503-831-5634.

• **Day-2-Day Diabetes Support Group** — 3 to 4 p.m., West Valley Hospital (main conference room inside main entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.

• **Bingo at the Farm** — 6:30 p.m., Rogue Farms Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. All ages welcome. Free; food and beverages available for purchase. 503-838-9813.

• **Brew and BS: The Old Testament** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. A lecture series on the Old Testament. Bring brew of choice — coffee, tea, chai, beer, wine, cider. 435-503-4304.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

• **Dementia Support Group** — 9:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. A group for people coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. 503-838-5678.

• **Dallas Lions Club** — 11:30 a.m., Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., Dallas. Everyone welcome. 503-931-9860.

• **Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club** — Noon, First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence. Visiting Rotarians, guests and prospective Rotarians are welcome to these luncheon meetings. Free. 503-838-4884.

• **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. Free; everyone welcome. 503-623-8429.

• **Hymn sing-along** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Sing hymns with others. 503-838-5678.

• **Veterans Night at the Elks** — 6:30 p.m., Independence Elks Lodge Post 1950, 289 S. Main St., Independence. Different organization presents about services offered to veterans. Bunko upstairs for families.

• **Dallas Senior Writing Group** — 10 a.m. to noon, Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. For all seniors who love to write. Free. 503-623-9616.

• **American Legion Women's Auxiliary** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-420-4021.

• **Radio Operators Association of Dallas (ROADS)** — 7 p.m., Polk County Courthouse (Jefferson Street entrance), 850 Main St., Dallas. Organization for amateur radio operators; public welcome. 503-881-5836.

• **Hotdogs, Hoops and Homework** — 5:30 to 8 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1401 SW 13th St., Dallas. Free tutoring for middle school and high school students. Food will be provided and a basketball court for shooting hoops after. 503-917-9822.

• **Adult Coloring Night** — 5 to 7 p.m., Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas. Coloring sheets and materials and refreshments provided. 503-623-2633.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Club Meeting** — 9:45 to 11 a.m. Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. First meeting is free. 503-930-7936.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 Fir Villa Road, Dallas. www.redcrossblood.org.

• **Family Building Blocks Independence play group** — 10 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1275 E St., Independence. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-363-3057.

• **Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.

• **Guthrie Park Acoustic Music Jam Session** — 6:30 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Free (donations accepted). 503-623-0809.

• **Blugrass Music Jam** — 7 to 10 p.m., Faith Evangelical Free Church, community building, 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. Free. Bluegrass instruments only. 503-399-6114.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

• **The Original Independence Farmers Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St., Independence. 503-881-9950.

• **Independence Riverview Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. 503-910-8193.

MONDAY, MAY 23

• **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.

• **Gentle Tai Chi Stand or Sit** — 11 a.m. to noon, Dallas Aquatic Center, 1005 SE Lacreole Drive, Dallas. Free. Slow body movements for improved balance, agility, flexibility and meditation. 503-623-9715.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence. www.redcrossblood.org.

• **Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Central High School band room, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. Local orchestra for beginning through intermediate musicians. Meets every Monday. Players of all levels welcome. \$25 monthly fee to cover expenses. 503-838-4884.

• **Dallas Garden Club monthly meeting** — 6:30 p.m., the Builders Room at the Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St. 503-510-3293.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

• **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., St. Philip Catholic Church, 825 SW Mill St., Dallas. Free; everyone welcome. 503-623-8429.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Werner University Center, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. www.redcrossblood.org.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
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- Wednesday, May 18, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.
- Wednesday, May 18, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club.
- Thursday, May 19, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Thursday, May 19, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Tuesday, May 24, 11:45 a.m. — Morning children's story time.
- Tuesday, May 24, 4 p.m. — Afternoon Children's story time.

503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, May 18, 5:30 p.m. — Burgerville Literacy Night.
- Thursday, May 19, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Friday, May 20, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Saturday, May 21, 3 p.m. — Teen Crafts: Make beaded earrings with Kay Bates. For children ages 12 and older.
- Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

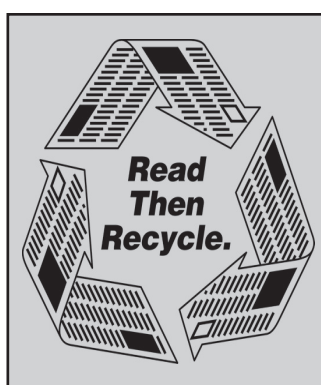
- Thursday, May 19, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Storytime.
- Friday, May 20, 10 a.m. — Celebrate Public Works Week. Building activities and a special visit from public works.
- Tuesday, May 24, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots Storytime.
- Wednesday, May 25, 10 a.m. — Games for kids.

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www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline

- See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

Sudoku solution

5	3	6	4	8	9	7	1	2
4	1	8	5	2	7	6	3	9
7	9	2	1	3	6	4	5	8
2	7	4	9	1	5	3	8	6
9	6	5	3	7	8	1	2	4
1	8	3	2	6	4	9	7	5
6	5	7	8	9	1	2	4	3
3	4	1	6	5	2	8	9	7
8	2	9	7	4	3	5	6	1



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